

Ardsley revel in first title win for 17 years

WHEN East Ardsley clinched the Central Yorkshire League Division One title last Saturday, it was a special moment for two of the first team squad.

For Mark Heald and Mick Pearson were part of the last Ardsley side to win promotion to the top flight.

"Mick and I were brought up in East Ardsley and our dads both played and captained the side," Heald said.

"We both played the last time we won the league, in 1986, so Saturday was a bit special for us."

East Ardsley will not ease up in their remaining three league matches, starting at Moorlands tomorrow (start 1pm).

Heald said: "The most pleasing thing about winning the league, and winning it so convincingly, is that we have done it without spending a penny."

"We have a great team spirit, which we will look to keep going next season."

Behind Ardsley, the race is on to claim the second promotion spot.

Liversedge remain

favourites to return to the top flight as they hold a four-point advantage over Stanley with the sides meeting at Roberttown Lane tomorrow.

Gildersome are just a point further behind Stanley and could go second if they take maximum points from their home game with Heckmondwike and Stanley record a 4-0 win at Liversedge.

Hunslet Nelson, in sixth, must make up nine points on Liversedge if they are to win promotion and they entertain Mirfield Parish Cavaliers tomorrow.

Roundhay are currently third, but wherever they finish they will start next season in Division Two after resigning from the league earlier in the season before having a change of heart. Should they finish second, the third placed club will go up.

Woodkirk can ensure their survival in Division Two by beating Batley A tomorrow.

With one team to be relegated, second-bottom Woodkirk hold a six-point advantage over Batley and victory would rele-



gate the Mount Pleasant side.

It is derby day in Bradford League Division Two tomorrow when Drighlington make the short trip to Scatcherd Lane to take on Morley (1pm).

There was no derby clash at Scatcherd Lane

last season and with Morley losing at Station Road earlier in the season, they will be keen to gain revenge on home soil.

Above: East Ardsley's Danny McTernan in action against Liversedge in the title winning game. (260829)